(c) After preliminary examination, Punjab State Electricity Board were advised to revise these schemes. Except for Amritsar, the other revised schemes are still to be received from PSEB.

Proposal to lay Gas pipeline in the southern region

3320. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to utilise the recently struck oil and natural gas in the Krishna Godavari Southern region;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Oil produced from K-G Basin (onshore) is being sent to HPCL Refinery at Vizag. Gas from K-G Basin is being supplied to two consumers. Apart from this, gas has been committed to APSEB and six other consumers; the total commitment is 0.5 MMCMD.

Purchase of surplus power from Nepal

3321. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to purchase about 200 M.W. of surplus power from Nepal in the near future:

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions under which such deals have been finalised; and

(c) what are the reasons for purchasing power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Nepal has offered to supply power to India from a medium size project which they propose to set up. India has indicated its willingness to consider purchase of such surplus from Nepal.

(b) The terms and conditions for purchase of such power have not been discussed with Nepal.

(c) Surplus power from Nepal can help reduce power shortage in the Northern Region.

Clearance of Bairabi Hydel Power Project in Mizoram

3322. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of the Bairabi Hydel Power Project in Mizoram;

(b) whether the Central Electricity Authority have since cleared the Project;

(c) if so, when and if not, by when the Project is likely to be cleared;

(d) what is the estimated cost of the Project; and

(e) by when the Project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (e) The updated cost estimates of Bairabi (Dhaleshwari) Hydroelectric Project amounting to Rs. 304.78 crores have been submitted by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation to Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance, in May, 1988. In view of the other benefits likely to accrue from the project, the project is proposed to be treated as a multi-purpose project and the project cost is proposed to be apportioned amongst various sectors. The Central Water Commission and the Central Electricity Authority have undertaken the techno-economic appraisal of the project on this basis. The project is expected to be completed in seven years after the investment decision.